

## KILLS JOHNS WITH HIS OWN PISTOL

William Ellis Takes Weapon from Intoxicated Man and Has to Use It in Self-Defense.

### ARMISTEAD SHOT IN MOUTH

Tries to Prevent Trouble, and Receives Dangerous Wound. Other Petersburg News.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Spotswood Street, Petersburg, Va., August 6.—John H. Johns, a well-known negro clothes presser and cleaner, was shot and killed by William Ellis, colored, proprietor of the large livery stables on Bollingbrook Street, this afternoon directly opposite the Stratford Hotel. The shooting occurred at the corner of Bollingbrook and Second Streets, and is claimed to have been done in self-defense. Johns, it is said, had been drinking freely. About fifteen minutes before the shooting, Johns, who appeared to be in the quarrelsome mood, went to the stables, and complained about the leaky condition of the house he rented from Ellis, and during the interview attacked Ellis, and was in turn knocked down by the latter and his pistol taken from him. Johns' establishment in Second Street is immediately in the rear of the stables. He went to his place, making threats, and in a few minutes came out with another pistol in his hand, evidently in search of Ellis. At the corner of Second and Bollingbrook Streets, William Armistead, colored, seeing that trouble was brewing, intercepted Johns, and endeavored to get his pistol from him. Johns turned upon Armistead and shot the latter in the ball striking and entering just below the point of the nose, knocking out several teeth, shattering the roof of the mouth, and passing on, lodged in the back of the neck. It has not yet been extracted. Armistead was taken to the police station, was attended by Dr. W. P. Hoy and then sent to the hospital. His wound is regarded as dangerous.

Johns then started for Ellis, who had entered the office building at the street corner. He fired at Ellis at close range, the ball missing and penetrating the ceiling of the room. He fired or attempted to shoot the second time, but Ellis was too quick for him. With the pistol that had previously been taken from Johns, Ellis shot three times in quick succession, only one of the balls taking effect. This ball entered the breast of Johns, causing him to stagger a few feet away, fall side on the sidewalk in front of the stables.

One of the balls fired by Ellis passed across the street and through the window of the Stratford Hotel, narrowly missing a guest who was sitting at the window reading. Had he been standing up he would have been struck.

Ellis promptly surrendered himself at the police station, and declined to say anything except that he acted in self-defense. The body of the dead man was taken, by permission of the coroner, to the undertaking rooms of J. M. Wilkerson. An inquest will be held.

William Ellis is a prominent man of his race, has always borne a good character, and has many patrons among the white people of the community. The shooting attracted a great crowd.

Just before shooting at Ellis, Johns saw a young white man, Robert Coghill, from Chester, standing near with some friends, looking at him. Johns raised his pistol and demanded to know what he had to do with him. Mr. Coghill said nothing, but moved away. A friend of Johns' yesterday purchased a dozen cartridges for Johns, who said he wanted a short one.

**Organization of the School Board.**

At the meeting of the school board last evening officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, John R. W. Smith; Vice-President, William McGill; Clerk and Treasurer, J. Morton Townsend.

The principal, assistant principal and teachers in the public schools were elected some weeks ago. The school board is very ambitious to improve educational advantages in this city, and has done good work in this direction. The large new ten-room building at the corner of Wythe and Jefferson Streets will be ready for



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use by the opening of the season in September. The Council has been asked to grant an additional appropriation of \$9,457 to equip and complete it. And the board is urgent after a new high school building of modern style and conveniences, which it is estimated will cost \$75,000. The Council will likely provide this money.

**Work on the River.**  
It only remains now to build the dam and dredge the harbor and river to complete the great diversion work, which is expected to add greatly to the commercial welfare of the city. The diversion channel to carry off the fresh water in the river has been practically finished, and the current is flowing through it. The dam at Pocahontas, designed to turn the water in the channel, is being constructed, and the Atlantic Docking Company, which has the contract for clearing the harbor and the river channel down to deep water, has three dredges actively at work clearing away all bars and shoals. The sum of \$50,000 has been appropriated by Congress for this special work, and a uniform depth of not less than twelve feet in harbor and channel is guaranteed.

**Personal and News in Brief.**  
The Common Council last night appropriated \$1,000 for the purchase of four fresh horses for the Fire Department and \$6,000 for the erection of a steel water tower on Virginia Avenue to furnish city water to residents in that section of the city.

Mr. Samuel T. Hulsey, United States recruiting officer here, and Miss Mattie L. Garrett, daughter of W. H. Garrett, of this city, were married in Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson G. Jenkins, of Pittsburgh, Pa., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer T. Young, at their beautiful country home, Edgewood, in Tidewater section of the city.

Rev. Dr. J. S. Foster, pastor of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, left today for New York to spend his vacation.

Miss Lucy Epps, of Smithfield, Va., is visiting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cole.

The Council gave \$500 annually to the Petersburg Hospital for the maintenance of two cots for the poor who may be sent there.

Mr. Thomas W. Tucker, a well-known merchant residing on Halifax Street, has just returned from a month's trip through the West, extending as far as Denver.

Rev. J. T. Bosman and wife have gone to visit friends in Norfolk and on the Eastern Shore.

**Sent Out to Grand Jury.**  
SPOTSVILLY, Va., August 6.—Peter Jones, Harry Jones, Bud Dodson

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and Solon McGee, who maliciously assaulted Albert A. Hamilton, being Kennedy and Griffin Parker, on Sunday night last, had a preliminary hearing before Justices John C. Mitchell and Lucius M. Eason, and was sent on for the action of the grand jury.

### BAPTIST WOMEN MEET.

Missionary Union of Roanoke Association Holds Session.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHATHAM, VA., August 6.—The first meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Roanoke Baptist Association, held apart from the association meeting, opened at the Chatham Baptist Church Wednesday morning, and was called to order by Mrs. W. B. James, association superintendent, in the absence of the president, Mrs. Watson.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. T. R. Sanford. The address of welcome was by Mrs. James F. Hart, of this place, and was responded to by Mrs. T. A. Weller, of Danville. Twenty-two women's missionary societies are in the association, of which seventeen reported. Eleven Southern women auxiliaries in the association, five reported. All of the reports were very encouraging. Mrs. C. H. Norton made a very flattering report of the Royal Embroiders at Baptist Church, of Danville, which is the only one in the association, but work along that line will be taken up generally. Mrs. Julian Thomas, of Richmond, State corresponding secretary, made a very interesting talk on the Women's Training School, stating that a young lady was now ready to take up the work, but did not have the means, and asked that eight of the associations in Virginia raise by private subscription \$25 each, which would be the amount necessary to send the young lady, and that the Roanoke association be among the eight. Immediately \$31 was raised.

The young woman's work was generally discussed at the afternoon session. The union decided to discontinue the office of president, and the future of the association's superintendent will be decided. The next meeting will be with the First Baptist Church, of Danville, August 5 and 6, 1909, time subject to change by the executive committee.

A missionary institute was held today, and the Sunbeams were addressed by Mrs. G. F. Williams, of Richmond, State superintendent of the Sunbeam band. Mrs. Frank Woodson, of Richmond, attended the meetings.

### HUGS PRICED AT \$28.75.

That Is What It Costs in Annapolis When the Girl Is Not Willing.

ANAPOLIS, MD., August 6.—While the subject of "hugs" is often appraised the value of a "Kiss, Justice John N. Davis, of Annapolis, put up a good, stiff valuation on a hug. As a result, a defendant in a case has been ordered to pay the cost of a hug to the plaintiff. The case is against a girl who had refused to be hugged by her lover. The court found that the girl had been injured by the refusal, and ordered the defendant to pay the cost of the hug, which was valued at \$28.75.

The fellow who had to pay nearly \$30 for a brief squeeze—with a good looking thrown in by the lady's escort, for which nothing was charged, however, is John C. Richardson, an enlisted man in the navy. Richardson, in addition to being a sailor man, is also a Red Man. The sum of \$28.75 has been paid to the plaintiff, a young woman, in the case of a hug. Richardson is a sailor man, and is also a Red Man. The sum of \$28.75 has been paid to the plaintiff, a young woman, in the case of a hug. Richardson is a sailor man, and is also a Red Man.

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**PREPARING FOR BANK CASES.**  
Counsel for Receivers in Conference.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOYDTON, Va., August 6.—Messrs. Wood, Bouldin, and Lee, of Lynchburg, of counsel for E. W. Overby and C. Haskins, cashiers respectively of the defunct Bank of Mecklenburg, are here today, and are preparing for the case of the bank. The case is expected to be heard in the court here.

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**GILBERT SWALLOWED LYE AND SOON CRIED OUT.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, August 6.—The condition of Ben Gilbert, the young man who killed Miss Haskins, and who took concentrated lye, is in no way at all improved, and he is now on the road to recovery.

The jail officials to-day explain that almost immediately following the swallowing of the lye, Gilbert himself gave the alarm, and but for the fact that Baker was on the scene in a few minutes. It is believed that he attempted suicide, and after swallowing small amount of the poison lost his nerve.

### FELLOW ACCOUNTANTS.

Officers Chosen by the Virginia Society Formed in Norfolk.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, August 6.—At a meeting held last night local accountants organized the Virginia Society of Fellow Accountants, electing the following officers:

President, W. P. Hilton; Vice-President, J. W. Kipler; Secretary, Fred B. Hill; Financial Secretary, F. M. Smith, Jr.; Treasurer, J. H. Harvel.

The organization started out with eighty-five members, and the following committee was named to arrange for entertainments, lectures on accounting, etc.: I. T. Holt, chairman; W. R. Tollett, John T. Gibbs, A. Lee Rawlings and John H. Hall.

**Death of Respected Negro.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] GLOUCESTER, C. H., Va., August 6.—Gibson Bright, colored, one of the most respected negro citizens of Gloucester county, died at his home near the Ark last night of tuberculosis. He was a master carpenter and bricklayer, a peaceable and reliable man. The largest building contractor in Gloucester says Bright's place cannot be filled.

## THINK DEAL WOULD BE GREAT BENEFIT

North Carolina Interested in Reported Plan of Pennsylvania to Acquire N. & S.

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RALEIGH, N. C., August 6.—People of Raleigh are much interested in the report that has gone out from Norfolk that there is a prospect of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company getting control of the Norfolk and Southern, now in the hands of the Chesapeake and Ohio. The New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk road has been absorbed by the Pennsylvania, with a view to getting connection with the Norfolk and Southern to control it as a Southern feeder for the great Northern system, is regarded with great favor hereabouts. It is declared that such a disposition of the Norfolk and Southern would be of immense value to Eastern Carolina sections into which the Norfolk and Southern penetrates, and to the principal cities connected with it, Goldsboro, Wilson, Newbern, Washington, Beaufort, and others.

Under the special arrangement in the State laboratories of hygiene here for the treatment of hydrophobia, just perfected, the State is enabled to establish the fact that they are not able to pay for the treatment are to be treated free of charge. The equipment for treatment of patients bitten is complete and right up to date, and is in charge of Dr. C. A. Sherrill, formerly of Winston-Salem, who is director of the State laboratory.

The police have pushed a sharp campaign against "blind tigers" the past few days, having secured eight convictions at the last session of the city police court. Most of the offenders arrested are negroes, who are proven to have made one or more sales. Whiskey continues to be shipped into Raleigh by express to individual purchasers, and the police are endeavoring to stop this. These "blind tiger" operators buy the cheapest, meanest whiskeys sent out by Virginia and Kentucky shippers, receiving it both in jugs and bottled in two, four and five-quart packages.

There was a session made before Judge Funnell to-day, for the removal of the receivers for the North Carolina Lumber Company in the case brought against the corporation by the Metropolitan Trust Company, the argument being that the receivers of the company are in such shape now as to admit of the discharge of the receivers, E. L. Travis and W. H. S. Burgwyn. It is understood that an order to this effect will be issued.

### TAFT APPEASES SINGERS.

Souths Wounded Pride of Glee Club, Whose Efforts Were Criticized.

LYNCHBURG, Va., August 6.—A few weeks ago the Concord Glee Club, composed of local business men, gave a concert at Covington, and the following day sang for the guests at the Hot Springs. The audience being Judge and Mrs. Taft.

A day or so later there appeared in a Washington paper a column letter from a correspondent giving the club a severe criticism as to their inability to sing. The club members were not at all pleased by this, and they have just from Judge Taft an autograph letter, in which he thanked them for giving the concert, and mentioned his appreciation of the trouble they took and the pleasure they gave to all at the Hot Springs by their courtesy and generosity, coming at an opportune moment.

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**STRUCK BY SWEEP POLE AND RENDERED INSENSIBLE.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SPOTSVILLY, Va., August 6.—Vernon Alsop, son of James S. Alsop, of this county, was severely and dangerously wounded yesterday at George W. Perry's sawmill, being struck on the head and badly cut by a sweep pole on a lumber wagon.

The incision made is about four inches long and sufficient deep to lay bare the skull. The skull is fractured, and the wound is very serious. Mr. Alsop was knocked down and rendered insensible for some hours.

### NO TIDINGS OF PENDLETON AT HOME IN WYTHEVILLE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WYTHEVILLE, Pa., August 6.—The escape of W. P. Pendleton, the southwestern hospital in Marion has caused great excitement at this place, where he is supposed to be hiding.

James Spoon in May last, Pendleton was committed to the asylum on the ground of incurable insanity. His family reside here, but he has not been obtained as to his whereabouts.

### RIGHT OF WAY FOR ROAD MUST BE PAID FOR

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] AMHERST, Va., August 6.—The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held here yesterday. Much business was transacted, and a resolution was passed regarding the right of way for a road.

It is thought that the cost of the road will be paid for by the State. The Board of Supervisors is very interested in the matter, and is doing all that is possible to secure the right of way for the road.

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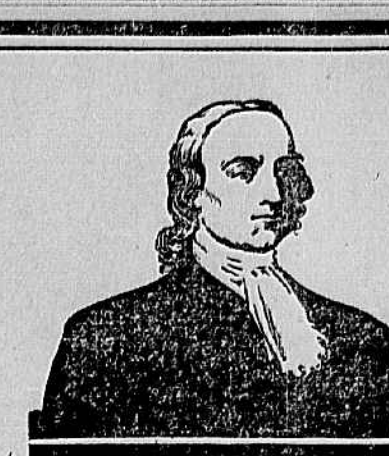
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THE famous founder of Methodism was pre-eminently a man of heroic and humanitarian ideals, whose personal piety, beneficence and high moral teachings deserve the approbation of all good men.

In one of his sermons he declares: "Without bread and wine the strongest bodies decay... bread and wine keep up our natural life"; and again when criticizing a book, published by Dr. Cadogan, he praises the use of fermented liquor as "one of the noblest cordials of nature."

In a pamphlet entitled "Primitive Physic" he advises his followers as follows: "Drink water only when it agrees with your stomach, if not good small beer."

During his lifetime he traveled into every corner of the British Islands, crossed the ocean to America, preached 40,000 sermons and drank good malt beer and wine, from youth to old age, dying at over 80, a marvel of noble fortitude, physical endurance and mental power.

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Hearing Is Deferred.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ASHLAND, Va., August 6.—The preliminary hearing in the case of Adam Ray, charged with burning the house of Lewis Moss, which was to have been held this morning, was postponed on account of the absence of important witnesses until next Tuesday morning at 9:30.

### ASHLAND COUNCIL MEETS.

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